



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission Tuesday, September, 2012 Meeting Notes

Minneapolis Central Library

NCEC member attendees: Kenneth Brown, Doron Clark, Ishmael Israel, Henry Jimenez, Gregg Massey, Marcea Mariani, Jeffrey Martin, Kenya McKnight, Maria Sarabia, Saciido Shaie, Jeff Strand, Carol Pass, Ali Warsame, Tessa Wetjen

NCEC members absent: Latrell Beamon, Denis Houle.

Commission staff: David Rubedor, Howard Blin, Lance Knuckles and Cheyenne Erickson.

Guests: Lissa Jones

Agenda Item

Content

1. Introduction, & agenda (Action)

Action(s):

- Consensus to approve September agenda.
- Consensus to approve August 28th meeting notes, [with one correction.](#)

2. NRP Policy Board Report (Informational)

Summary:

- Commissioner Strand, NRP Policy Board Chair reported that at the September NRP Policy Board meeting there was discussion on the potential for alternates and directed NCR staff to come back with options. The agendas for the NRP Policy Board will be getting heavier with NRP Phase II Plans and Neighborhood Priority Plans. There are about 6 or 7 NRP Phase II Plans yet to be approved and finalized and we should expect about 3 or 4 Neighborhood Priority Plans per meeting.

3. NCR Report (Informational)

Summary:

- There will be an alternate's discussion at this meeting. The notion is to create more opportunities for people to participate. The City Council will weigh in on alternates as it relates to the Policy Board.
- The NCR's 2013 proposed budget remains the same as last year. There will be no major decreases or increases in the budget. It is also available on the NCR's homepage to review.
- The Department is working on an ADA plan for neighborhood organizations. The intent is to create a new policy that the City Council adopts. The policy will contain expectations for neighborhoods as well as resources and support. NCR staff will bring a draft plan back to the NCEC and then the draft plan will be sent out for a 45-day review period. The department is very interested in receiving input from neighborhoods on what their needs are.
- Minneapolis is hosting a Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) board meeting this month. It will involve pre-planning for the 2013 NUSA Conference that will be held here in Minneapolis in May. The NUSA Board meeting will be held at the East Phillips Cultural Center.
- The NCR department has received a total of 42 CPP submissions and has approved 39. Twenty-five of those submissions have been fully contracted.
- The department is also working on Voter Engagement, for next year's election the department will undertake a larger effort that includes training and outreach. This year we will do a smaller push to get people connected to existing efforts.
- Latino Heritage Month, Mariano Espinoza led an effort to get a

resolution approved declaring September 15 to October 15 Latino Heritage Month in the City of Minneapolis.

- The One Minneapolis, One Read main event held on September 24th was well attended.

Commissioner Comments:

- The BLTF documents contain language about alternates, if it needs to be adjusted to fit the diversity needs, it can be.
- People in the Latino Community were excited that the City recognized the Latino population.
- Some months back there was mention of a Customer Relationship Management System, any new information on it?
 - The department does have a CRM system in place – a data management system. Staff is working out kinks and applicability.
- What about the Community Connections Conference, if NUSA is coming in May will there still be this conference?
 - NUSA will have a local component. 1/3 of workshops will be on local projects and there will be 10 or 11 pride tours in our neighborhoods.

**4. Blue Print
for Equity
(Discussion)**

Summary:

- Lissa Jones, consultant to NCR described the process for the Blue Print for Equity. The Blueprint is intended to be a strategic plan on how to build inclusivity and diversity within our work. We need to put together a strategic plan and all work towards a collective vision. We want to develop an engagement process that creates a plan with the people it will affect. The engagement process will be similar to the process used for the development of the CPP and we really want to connect with cultural and community organizations.
- Staff would like to get feedback from the NCEC on what they view their role is in developing the Blueprint.

Commissioner Comments:

- Find ways to access the community and connect with those who the Blue Print for Equity affects. See the role of NCEC as the bridge to connect the community with the City.
- The role of NCEC could be to bring the neighborhoods that we represent together to hold discussions with each other and to work on communication between each other.
- Make sure that this Blueprint doesn't have too many evaluation points like the Blueprint for Violence.
- A critical concern is economic equity. One key concern in the Phillips neighborhood is the lack of facilities and amenities to assist all people. The neighborhood is just now getting the park facilities that are needed.
- The Blueprint for Equity is exciting and is a step in the right direction. The role of the NCEC should be a bridge from the community to the city and also can serve as a voice from the community to what the needs of the community are.
- It will be important to look at why the City is the way it is and how it became this way. Why do different parts of the City look different and how did our neighborhoods get the way they are today?
- We need to look at what the short and long term goals are, we need to ensure that this lives on and the work keeps going.

5. Status of Organizational Development Effort

(Informational)

- We should also be working with other jurisdictions.

Summary:

- The organizational development effort was designed to deal with relationship challenges. Work wasn't getting done to the standard of NCEC members. There was a norm that was established that blocked the vision of the group. The new work and engagement will be around the Blueprint for Equity development.

6. Establishment of Grievance Committee

(Action)

Summary:

- NCR staff explained that the Community Participation Program has a process for grievances. The NCEC has created an ad hoc committee for the past two grievances that have been before the committee. It is being recommended by an ad hoc grievance committee panel of 3, (the NCEC has not taken action), that the NCEC establish a standing grievance committee to run until June of 2013 and will include 3-5 NCEC members.

Action(s):

- The commission reached consensus to establish an ad hoc committee tonight for the duration of 1 month to address the grievance that is before the NCEC today. The ad hoc grievance committee members are Marcea Mariani, Sacido Shaie, Jeffrey Strand and Jeffrey Martin.

7. Task Force Reports

(Informational)

Summary:

- A.) Review of Existing Task Force Charges: All task force charges are now online and available to view.
- B.) One Minneapolis Fund Task Force: The RFP and announcement have been completed. The application from has been completed and a release plan to get the information out to everyone. Now the process needs to go to the City's Committee of the Whole scheduled for October 18th for final approval. Then the RFP will go out in late October. The goal is to get the money out in 2012.
- C.) Bylaws Task Force: Good news, the TF is about 89-94% finished. The TF needs to meet with the NCR director and after that will be able to complete the merge of the two bylaws documents. Hopeful that the bylaws will be finalized by next month. There will be 1 meeting to introduce the bylaws for a first reading and the next month the group can take action to adopt them.

8. Council Direction at Committee of the Whole

(Informational)

Summary: At the August 30th Committee of the Whole meeting the NCR Department presented the report on the 2012 Boards and Commissions Diversity Survey. The Council directed the NCR department to come back with guidelines to improve diversity on our boards and commissions and also asked for a report on whether or not commissions need alternates. NCR was directed to report back at the end of January 2013, staff will come back to this committee with a series of recommendations.

Commissioner Comments:

- At the April 16th meeting the neighborhoods voted to have alternates on the NCEC. Does that have any weight in our discussion we are having now?
 - It is a point of information, it is not something we will set aside or ignore.
- Would like to request NCR staff to do a better job to communication to the neighborhoods and the commission. It was a surprise to some neighborhoods of the work being done by your summer intern in terms of evaluating neighborhoods on ADA.

9. Commissioner Open Forum

- There will a hearing regarding the Northern Metals EAW and permit request at the Park Board Headquarters.
- Initial discussions of an uptown bike lane are being started, the bike lane would run from Dupont to Lake Calhoun on 36th street.
- On September 27th there will be a Community led workshop on Story Based Community Dialogue, a tool for public health policy and program development. This is part of the VOICE project that Commissioner Sarabia has been working on for two years.
- There will be a showing of the VOICE video on Oct. 17th at the East Phillips Community Center in honor of Latino Heritage Month.
- Commissioner Jimenez is looking to convene a NCEC District 6 meeting, looking for help. We should all try to get all of our neighborhoods to meet.
- September 29th is the Lowry Open Streets event
- The Big Gay Race will be held September 29th.

Adjourn